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Prosecutor: Bremer may have had help

UPPER MARLBORO (AP) - The man who prosecuted Arthur Bremer in the attempted assassination of former presidential candidate George C. Wallace says he would not be surprised if Bremer had help.

"We felt that all along, but our job was to investigate an assault, not a conspiracy," former Prince George's County State's Attorney Arthur Marshall said Thursday.

Mr. Wallace was shot while making a campaign stop May 15, 1972 at a shopping mall in Laurel.

Mr. Marshall said the judge wanted to get the high-profile case "over with" and it was handled as a "street crime."

Mr. Marshall, now in private practice, noted that Bremer stayed in expensive hotels, such as the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, traveled in limousines and bought a car without any visible income.

The FBI handled the initial investigation and then turned it over to Prince George's County police.

"We had very little cooperation," Mr. Marshall added. "I have never seen his original diary. The feds only gave us a typewritten copy."

That document, he indicated, might supply some additional information about Bremer's income and contacts.

Alabama Attorney General Jimmy Evans, responding to an appeal by Mr. Wallace, said Wednesday he will search for any new leads.

"Dad wants to know all he can know before he passes on," said Alabama State Treasurer George C. Wallace Jr.

Former Gov. Wallace, 74, has long contended that Bremer had help - at least financially - when he shot and paralyzed Mr. Wallace after a presidential campaign speech in Laurel. Before the shooting, Bremer trailed the Wallace campaign by plane and limousine.